

Interview Summary

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner David C. Reese for the telephonic interview conducted on March 9, 2010 with Applicant's attorney of record, Mark M. Zylka. No exhibits were shown and no demonstration was conducted. Claim 8 was discussed relative to U.S. Patent No. 4,435,031 to Black et al. Applicant's principal arguments concerned the failure of Black to disclose each feature recited in claim 8, including the following recitations:

- the anterior portion of each of the pegs resides in a respective one of the sleeves
- the introduction portion transitioning to a posterior fixing part including a cylindrical part having a diameter that is greater than a respective one of the sleeve diameters

No specific agreement was reached as to whether the claims are distinguishable over Black, but it appears that certain amendment, including ones similar to those made above, would be helpful toward advancing the prosecution.

During the interview, the Examiner noted U.S. Patent No. 5,259,689.